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The New England College of Optometry

Commencement Exercises

2000

Saturday, The Twenty-Seventh of May
John Hancock Hall
Boston, Massachusetts

Commencement Program

Processional

Marshalls:

Dr. Frank Kozol, Professor of Optometry
Dr. Gary Chu, Assistant Professor of Optometry

Invocation

Reverend Colin Leitch

Commencement Exercises

Presiding: Dr. Alan Laird Lewis, President

Valedictorians

Michael E. Dalton, Valedictorian, Class of 2000
Leah Elise Shanfeld, Valedictorian, Class of 2000

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Presenter: Norman C. Spector, JD
Egon Werthamer, Doctor of Humane Letters

Commencement Remarks

Dr. Brian Klinger presenting for Dr. Egon Werthamer

Special Recognition

Kimberley Anne Johnson Fischer

Presentation of Candidates

Dr. Alan Seidman, Dean of Student Affairs

Presentation of Degrees

Hooding the Candidates:

Dr. Nancy Carlson, Chief of Staff, New England Eye Institute
Dr. David Heath, Vice President / Dean of Academic Affairs

Presenting Diplomas:

Dr. Alan Laird Lewis, President

Conferring of Degrees:

Dr. Alan Laird Lewis, President

Pledge

Dr. Alan Laird Lewis will lead the graduates in the Optometric Oath

Welcome from the Alumni Association

Dr. Lynn Wittman, Alumni Association President

Benediction

Reverend Colin Leitch

Recessional

Reception immediately following ceremony in the Dorothy Quincy Suite

Degrees Awarded on May 27, 2000

Doctor of Optometry

Isabel Angeles Sabate - Special INT - OD Awarded 11/28/00	
Jeffrey David Ainley	Greenville, Rhode Island
Catherine Anne Allard	Andover, Massachusetts
Ritu Bajaj** (INT) OD Awarded 11/28/00	Madras, India
Stephen Peter Bochnak	Sherborn, Massachusetts
Bethany P. Bolden	Sacramento, California
Joelle Bouldoukian-Choucair (INT)	Beirut, Lebanon
Kimberely Ann Branch (Special OD)	Espanola, New Mexico
Michael P. Brehm	Cohoes, New York
Fabrice Brenot (INT)	Medford, Massachusetts
Olessia Xenia Butenko	Syracuse, New York
William Butler	Warren, Ohio
Betsy Frances Cabanillas	Newton, Massachusetts
Helen J. Chandoha	Monsey, New York
Yang P. Chang	Vancouver, New York
Ellen Reilly Christian	Santa Cruz, California
Brian Eirik Coe	Camarillo, California
Jacqueline E. Coronel	Kensington, Maryland
Carolyn Cutre	North Syracuse, New York
Rhett Dadej	San Diego, California
Michael E. Dalton	Brighton, Massachusetts
Dana Lee Dean	San Diego, California
Lauren J. Dickerman*--OD awarded 06/30/00	Newton, Massachusetts
Amy N. Dufour	Van Buren, Maine
Thao My Dung	San Ramon, California
Ann Thuy Duong -- OD awarded 06/30/00	Los Angeles, California
Jenny Suit Mei Fan (INT)	Quincy, Massachusetts
Kimberly Mary Farea	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Maria Francesca Florio	Johnston, Rhode Island
Edward R. Ford	Twin Falls, Idaho
Tonya Rumpf Ford	Windham, New Hampshire
Yasmine S. Fozooni	Falls Church, Virginia
Amy Frances Gerardi	Stoneham, Massachusetts
Chandra Yvette Gibbs	Lakeview Terrace, California
Michael Philip Goldstein - (Special OD)	Simsbury, Connecticut
Shaffin Ahmed Gulamhusein	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Seema Gupta* -- OD awarded 09/05/00	Brampton, Ontario, Canada
Jennifer Ann Hazelwood Ugarte	Copley, Ohio
Rebecca Anne Horner	Oshawa, Ontario, Canada
Julie Alicia Jackson	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Randie J. Jalbert	Millbury, Massachusetts
Katherine W. James	Charleston, South Carolina
Annu Nikhanj Kaul (INT)	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Connie K. Kim	Vienna, Virginia
Stephanie K. Kitamura	Ontario, Oregon
Talya D. Koenig	Downsview, Ontario, Canada
Heather Michelle Lafone	Newport Beach, California
Lisa M. Landry	Meriden, Connecticut
Dai Amie Le	San Jose, California
Anthony M. Lee	Friendship, Maine
Mark Allen Leipert	Stowe, Vermont
Kristine Marie Lewis	Holliston, Massachusetts
Yan Li* (POD) - OD awarded 09/05/00	Somerville, Massachusetts
Cristina M. Lopes	Seekonk, Massachusetts
John Loucopoulos*** (INT) - OD awarded 03/03/00	Newton, Massachusetts
Rhetland A. L. MacDonald	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
Lori A. Maggisano	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Kendra L. Mahaffey	Timberlake, Ohio
Aimee Koren Gray Maher	Raynham, Massachusetts
Thomas George Maher	Whitesboro, New York
Josianne Manasse	Newark, New Jersey
Gail Susan Marchetto* (POD) - OD awarded 09/05/00	Lee, Massachusetts
~~John Harold Matthews* (POD)~~	Glasgow, Kentucky
Sunitha C. Mawilmada* OD awarded 09/05/00	Hampton, Virginia
Mitra Elizabeth Mehin	West Vancouver, B.C., Canada
Richard W. Meyer	Worcester, Massachusetts
Neda Moshasha	Columbia, Maryland
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Rajesh H. Patel (INT)	London, England
David Julian Pedigo	Seattle, Washington
Owen J. Peters	Yonkers, New York
Cory Gene Preston	Armstrong, Iowa
Kathleen Joyce Prophet-Harms	Newton, Massachusetts
Chuan Qin* (POD) OD awarded 09/05/00	Alexandria, Virginia
John Michael Rabins** (POD) OD Awarded 11/28/00	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Stephen P. Rafalski** Special OD - OD Awarded 11/28/00	Whitesboro, New York
Donna Reed INT	London, England
James Dale Reynolds, Jr.	Trucksville, Pennsylvania
Sonmi P. Rhee	Gold River, California

Kay Racine Ricciotti	Leominster, Massachusetts
Sonal Vrajlal Rughani	Nairobi, Kenya
Joseph A. Russo	Bridgewater, Massachusetts
Daniele Patrizio Saltarelli	St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada
Charles M. San George II	Buffalo, New York
Crystal L. Seaforth	Lowell, Massachusetts
Leah Elise Shanfeld	London, Ontario, Canada
Chong-hwa Shin	Paradise Valley, California
Gina Denise Simmons	Paradise Valley, Arizona
Gregory James Stockbridge	New York Mills, New York
Christian Boyd Swenby	Newman, California
Amy Elizabeth Sylvester	Maidstone, Ontario, Canada
Stacy Mayumi Taketa	Seattle, Washington
Kevin Duc Tran	Watertown, Massachusetts
Marcia Y. Valero	Mountain View, California
Evangelos Vatianou	Aurora, Illinois
Mingjun Wang* POD-OD awarded 09/05/00	Harbin, China
April Victoria Wilkerson	Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Carey Page Willey	Cambridge, Maryland
Beverly J. Wilson	College Park, Maryland
Bryan Michael Wolynski	Oceanside, New York
May Man-Yee Wong	Daly City, California
Richard Edwin Dittmer Wood	Ashburn, Virginia
Yin Yin Yuen** Special OD-OD Awarded 11/28/00	Boston, Massachusetts
Olga G. Zeldin* OD Awarded 09/05/00	Newton, Massachusetts

*Doctor of Optometry Degrees to be awarded on September 5, 2000
** Doctor of Optometry Degree ~~was~~ TO BE awarded on November 28, 2000
***Doctor of Optometry Degree was awarded on March 3, 2000

Degrees Awarded on September 7, 1999

Doctor of Optometry

Johan Chanh Tran POD	Medford, Massachusetts

Degrees Awarded on December 1, 1999

Doctor of Optometry

Charles Stanley Bailey, III Special OD	Ankeny, Iowa
Jay P. Kile POD	Cranston, Rhode Island

The information in this program should not be considered as verification that a degree was received. All inquires should be directed to the Registrar's Office.

Candidates for Residency Certification

Cornea and Contact Lenses

Jill Beyer, O.D.	The New England College of Optometry

Family Practice Optometry

Murray Baumal, O.D.	The New England College of Optometry
Alan Kwok, O.D.	The New England College of Optometry
Kathy Orellana, O.D.	Dorchester House Multi-Service Center

Ocular Disease

Charlene DuBois, O.D.	Kittery Optometric Associates

Pediatric Optometry

Melissa Rice, O.D.	The New England College of Optometry

Primary Eye Care

Timothy Lynch, O.D.	D'Ambrosio Eye Care, Inc.

Primary Eye Care - Department of Veterans Affairs

Kathleen Burke, O.D.	Brockton / West Roxbury VA Medical Center
Sylvia Briceno, O.D.	Brockton / West Roxbury VA Medical Center
Jonathan Christie, O.D.	Brockton / West Roxbury VA Medical Center
Norlando Conanan, O.D.	Boston VA Outpatient Clinic
Phillip Haiman, O.D.	Boston VA Outpatient Clinic
Matthew Johnson, O.D.	Manchester VA Medical Center
Claudine Kawabata, O.D.	Brockton / West Roxbury VA Medical Center
Adriana Palumbo, O.D.	Brockton / West Roxbury VA Medical Center
Lori Ann Lepley Parks, O.D.	VA Connecticut / Newington Campus
Nina Pham, O.D.	Bedford VA Memorial Hospital
Reem Trabulsi, O.D.	VA Connecticut / Newington Campus

Primary Eye Care - Low Vision Rehab - Department of Veterans Affairs

Lisa Chan, O.D.	VA Connecticut - West Haven Campus
Jennifer Cramer, O.D.	VA Connecticut - West Haven Campus
Angela Tam, O.D.	VA Connecticut - West Haven Campus

2000 Honorary Degree Recipient

Egon Werthamer, O.D.

Doctor of Humane Letters

Dr. Egon Werthamer was born in Vienna, Austria in 1925. In response to the Nazi occupation of Austria, his family immigrated to the United States in 1939 when Egon was 14 years of age. He attended college at Brooklyn College in New York to study engineering and then attended the Massachusetts College of Optometry (now The New England College of Optometry), graduating in 1950 *magna cum laude* and as class valedictorian.

Dr. Werthamer began his practice in Baltimore where he has remained in practice for 50 years. An early proponent of providing eye and vision care for low income families, he initiated programs of free screenings and education to identify those who needed care, and provided his services independent of a patient's ability to pay. He also learned sign language and for years was the only practitioner in Baltimore providing care to the hearing impaired. He served for many years as the executive director of the Optometric Center of Baltimore, which still is a major source of eye care for the Baltimore's indigent population.

Always active in organized optometry, Dr. Werthamer was instrumental in securing the legislation that finally included optometrists in the federal Medicare program. He served twice as president of the Maryland Optometric Association and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Optometric Association from 1982 to 1986. He was elected AOA secretary-treasurer in 1986. An early proponent of blood pressure screening by optometrists, he was a member of the National High Blood Pressure Coordinating Committee of the National Institutes of Health. He was named AOA-PAC's Keyperson of the Year in 1995 for his lobbying efforts on behalf of optometry. He currently serves on the AOA Commission on Ophthalmic Standards.

Dr. Werthamer has been extremely active in promoting the participation of optometrists in the public health arena. A long time member of the Vision Care Section of the American Public Health Association, he has been a national spokesman and advocate for public health optometry. His efforts were recognized in 1999 when he received that organization's Distinguished Service Award.

Egon Werthamer represents all that is best in a health care professional. He has combined a life-long commitment to excellence in patient care with compassion for the underserved and a dedication to public service. He brings honor and distinction to our profession and our College.

The Optometric Oath*

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standard, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

*Adopted by the American Optometric Association and by the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry

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